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Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Meeting on February 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Community Transition Center
1111 San Felipe Road, Ste. 101
Hollister, CA 95023

MINUTES

Members Present:

R. Ted Baraan, CPO *
Alan Yamamoto, Behavioral Health *
Diane Ortiz, Youth Alliance
Greg LaForge, Public Defender *
Joe Frontella, Assistant CPO

Candice Hooper, SBC District Attorney *
Krystal Lomanto, SBC Office of Education
Renee Hankla, Reentry Program Manager
James Rydingsword, HHSA Director
Steven Reid, Substance Abuse

Members Not Present:

David Westrick, HPD Chief *
Darren Thompson, Sheriff *
Steve Sanders, Superior Court Judge *
Tony Lamonica, Jail Commander

Tracy Belton, Health & Human Services
Jerry Muenzer, Board of Supervisors
Ray Espinosa, SBC Administration

Guests:

Wendy Solorio, Dept. of Child Support Services
Carlos Reynoso, Hollister Police Dept.
Eric Taylor, SBC Sheriff's Office
Rita Campbell, Probation Department

Randy Brown, Gavilan College
Tom Keylon, SBC Sheriff's Office
Jeanette Neal, Youth Alliance
Meg Bagley, Probation Department

****Executive Committee***

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chief Baraan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and roll call was completed. Chief Baraan noted Carlos Reynosa is the acting Police Chief in David Westrick's absence and Sheriff Thompson has delegated his vote to Eric Taylor.

2. Acknowledgement of Certificate of Posting was done on January 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion to approve the acknowledgement of posting was made by Alan Yamamoto, seconded by Eric Taylor and all were in favor.

3. Public Forum:

None.

4. Minutes:

Copies of the minutes from August 14, 2017 were distributed and reviewed. Candice Hooper made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Carlos Reynoso and all were in favor.

5. Budget Update:

Ted Baraan stated we received the governor's preliminary budget and it appears there is an approximate 1% increase and have allocated that to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) for 2018/2019. Copies of the AB109 Proposed Budget were distributed and Chief Baraan stated page two indicates where we are currently on 2017/18 and what we have expended to date. We had 26% of overall expenditures and anticipate using all of the money.

Per Chief Baraan, page one indicates where we are for the anticipated 2018/19 budget and is recommending we continue the same as last year, with the 1% increase going to the balance reserve of \$19,000. There were no comments on the proposed budget for 2018/19 so Chief Baraan suggested we have a tentative vote for this, though it may be revised by the governor. Alan Yamamoto voted to approve, Candice Hooper seconded, and all were in favor.

Page three, Allocation of "Carryover" funds, was discussed and Chief Baraan indicated there is a reserve of \$367,533 remaining after expenditures. He asked for recommendations or requests for one-time expenditures to assist the criminal justice system. Chief Baraan stated we didn't need to make a decision today but would entertain ideas, or we could hold off until the next meeting. Joe Frontella brought up the subject of tablets for the jail and juvenile hall. There have been ongoing conversations regarding this subject, so Candice Hooper suggested have a cost projection at the next meeting and what's needed from the CCP. Diane Ortiz suggested at the next meeting we look at some of the data and numbers and compare what is currently happening to see where our priorities are and how to plan. Chief Baraan requested Data Review be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Re-Allocation of DA's Unexpended AB 109 Funds:

Chief Baraan stated as of this fiscal year, the District Attorney's office was unable to hire an additional full-time Deputy District Attorney. There is \$42,000 allocated to the District Attorney's office to pay for half of that and there is a request to re-allocate those funds of \$42,000 to UNET this year alone.

It was explained that currently AB109 is paying for one-half of one DA position. The other half was not granted by the Board but is in the budget under "carryover." Chief Baraan explained the discussion is for the infrastructure one-time funds of \$42,000 to be moved from the Deputy District Attorney and be allocated to UNET. Candice Hooper made a motion to approve, Eric Taylor seconded the motion and all were in favor.

7. Valley Health Associates – Steven Reid:

Steven Reid explained part of the drug Medi-Cal ODS system is to introduce and expand medication assisted treatment, namely methadone. Currently our Medi-Cal clients or any narcotic treatment beneficiaries are going out of county. Amy Bravo, Director of Valley Health Associates, asked if San Benito County would be interested in bringing a site here. Steve is introducing the topic to the group and is looking for feedback to see if this is something we are receptive to.

Questions included location, cost projection, hours of operation per week, number of clients, if it will be provide to youths, and if it would bring in clients from other counties.

Chief Baraan believes it is worthy of further exploration and stated more information would be helpful. Steve Reid stated this will be pending on projections by Valley Health Associates if they find that this is something that would be cost effective.

8. Round Table:

Alan Yamamoto: They are entering into audit season so they have a lot of people visiting over the next couple of months.

Steve Reid: Their implementation plan has been approved by the state and has been posted on the county website. They are still finalizing some of the physical aspects of that plan, working on a readiness review and seeing how close to actually being ready we are as a county.

Jim Rydingsword: The Home Resource Center opened on December 1st and now has approximately 30 people per night. The latest report indicated they have assisted some in going to work, finding housing and connecting with Behavioral Health and the Whole Person Care program. Also, the homeless population living behind Taco Bell has recently been evicted. That population has migrated, possibly to the riverbed near Hospital Road. The Sheriff's Office reported there are eighteen (18) encampments there, which has caused issues for neighbors and the Board of Supervisors. Tomorrow they will have a meeting with Supervisors Botelho and Muenzer and a group of department heads to discuss what, if anything, can be done with that population. For 2018, their focus on homeless services will be permanent employment and housing.

Greg LaForge reported caseloads keep going up.

Jeanette Neal: The Parent Project is starting next week in Spanish at San Andreas and Santa Ana School. So far they have four families enrolled (parents & children) but are expecting more.

The Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) group is coming along and they have quite a few referrals. A large portion of adults being referred are going through the process of recovery. Since recovery is ongoing, when they leave they feel they have the tools to have maintenance to prevent from wanting to use again and to focus on what is important in their lives.

Randy Brown: They have some new instructors in their jail courses and last semester was the first complete semester of classes at the Transition Center (CTC). They are still trying to figure out the right profile of courses to have. They have an upcoming class that may be good for students/clients, which is starting in March. It is a non-profit entrepreneur development; they have a Spanish class in Hollister and an English one in Gilroy. It is a 10-week class, which is free, and has ten hours of follow-up by individual advisors. They are starting to see anecdotes; they have one student who started work with his GED preparation in jail, then came to classes at the Community Transition Center and signed for a voucher to take his GED test.

Additionally, they are almost done with their data tools to track students who take classes in jail to see if they re-enroll in Gavilan College. One of things they're looking to see is if students continue their education after jail classes. Lastly, there is an article coming out on BenitoLink soon regarding the jail writing course.

Krystal Lomanto: They are continuing with Restorative Justice with their partnership with Youth Alliance. There is also a parent component through San Andreas working together, which is going well. They have held leadership meetings and training with staff and Julius goes to all sites, including Juvenile Hall, working with the youth. They will be compiling data at the end of the year to track the impact on the kids, as well as the staff.

They are also focusing on trauma informed practices. They had their first training last semester that was well attended. They had people from probation and law enforcement understanding the trauma informed brain, specifically in youth, and how to work with them. The County Office will continue in this process since they're seeing many kids who have struggles come from some type of trauma, whether it be one time or ongoing. When you look at the science side, it will restructure their brain and their ability to learn.

Footsteps to Brilliance is still soaring and their literacy collaborative is still going strong. They are meeting quarterly and people are reaching out to help offset costs since marketing is very expensive. All of the districts are on board and their focal point this year is with preschools. One of their literacy collaborative participants is looking into getting 200 kindles donated for families who don't have access. Many of families don't have funds to purchase books.

Diane Ortiz: They are continuing with the youth listening campaign, which includes stakeholders and teachers. They are expanding their internship program and looking at supporting some of the needs at San Andreas and Alternative Education with interns with motivational interviewing. Their goal with restorative justice is to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline. Kids who are suspended are six times more likely to drop out of school and the jail population is then filled with people who do not have high school diplomas. They just hired a part-time youth organizer, Javier Renteria. They are also starting a task force under Krystal's leadership to look at creating diversions, specifically drug incidents at schools and citations, and what we can do better.

Renee Hankla: Thanked the Youth Alliance and Randy and staff for their support and classes being held at the CTC. She spoke with the employment person at One-Stop and discussed having a reentry job fair in April. They are targeting people on probation or in the criminal justice system. They are also working with jail staff, having regular meetings to discuss new programming and potential opportunities, and looking at the jail layout.

Joe Frontella: At the Juvenile Hall, they are still in the process of getting capital projects together. Their recreation area will be expanded and will have basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, creating a lot more activities for the kids. Inside they have more reconstruction issues to become more ADA compliant. They are having an inspection from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) from the state on April 5th. Joe stated they had a CSEC in custody last week (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children). Due to the process with this CSEC individual, it was discovered there was a disconnect in the community. Joe stated we need to get together to discuss so everyone's on the same page with the tri-county MOU.

Krystal Lomanto interjected, stating there was some money that came into Health Services within their curriculum for human trafficking. On March 29th, they will be doing a countywide training for specific staff and hosting a dinner at San Juan Oaks. A survivor will be speaking and there will be discussions about what we can do as a community.

Candace Hooper: Regarding human trafficking, Monterey County developed posters since there are certain businesses that are required to have information on human trafficking listed. Victim Witness will work with Monterey County; they will give us their poster and we will put our information on it and distribute them.

Chief Baraan: Recently met with five counties in northern California for Corrections Software Solutions (CSS) and did a lot of data exploration about our systems collectively. Additionally, as part of the Chief Probation Officers of CA training committee, they are putting out more specific evidence-based practice training for probation. We are still using the new assessment tool for all adult offenders and will start using it on a broader spectrum.

Regarding Proposition 63, if defendants are no longer able to possess firearms due to their conviction, it is the Probation Department's responsibility to verify they are complying. Counties across the state are discussing how we are operationalizing that locally.

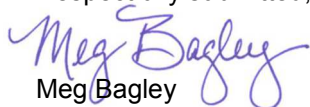
9. Schedule Upcoming CCP Meeting:

The next CCP meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2018 at a location to be determined.

10. Meeting Adjourned:

At approximately 10:45 a.m., a motion was made by Candice Hooper to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carlos Reynoso, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Meg Bagley

Secretary I

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